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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: FRENCH DEMARCHE ON CHAD-LIBYAN BORDER AND ON  
S. AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM

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1. FRENCH EMBASSY TELLS US THEIR CHARGE MADE DEMARCHE LATE  
LAST WEEK TO CHIEF OF MFA'S FIRST AFRICAN DEPT. SHVEDOV  
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EXPRESSING HOPE THAT SOVIETS WOULD VOICE SUPPORT FOR  
EXISTING INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CHAD-LIBYAN BOUNDARY.  
SHVEDOV TOOK NOTE  
AND SAID THAT IN GENERAL IT WAS NOT VERY USEFUL TO  
RECONSIDER BOUNDARIES INHERITED FROM COLONIAL ERA,  
STRESSING THAT THE SAME PRINCIPLE SHOULD APPLY IN  
THE ETHIOPIAN-SOMALIAN DISPUTE.

2. FRENCH CHARGE PROTESTED THIS WEEK TO CHIEF OF MFA'S  
FIRST EUROPEAN DEPT. DUBININ OVER AUGUST 9 TASS  
ARTICLE BY A. BOKHONKO (REFTEL) WHICH CHARGED THAT  
FRENCH FIRM FRAMATOM WOULD ENABLE SOUTH AFRICA TO  
ACQUIRE ENOUGH PLUTONIUM TO BUILD 100 NUCLEAR BOMBS  
PER YEAR. CHARGE RECALLED THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH  
GROMYKO LAST NOVEMBER FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD REFUTED  
SIMILAR SOVIET PRESS INSINUATIONS. DUBININ'S  
ANSWER WAS "ESCAPIST": HE ATTEMPTED TO DISTINGUISH  
BETWEEN AUTHENTICITY OF THE FORMAL TASS STATEMENT  
OF AUGUST 9 WHICH MADE NO MENTION OF A FRENCH  
CONNECTION AND THE UNOFFICIAL "PERSONAL COMMENTARY"  
BY A TASS WRITER.  
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